

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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North Attleboro Gas Company) D. T. E. 00-95

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NORTH ATTLEBORO GAS COMPANY'S ECS SURCHARGE FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2001

North Attleboro Gas Company ("North Attleboro" or the "Company"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. § 7.00 et seq., requests approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") of the Company's proposed Energy Conservation Service Program ("ECS") surcharge for the calendar year January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. The Company's proposed surcharge for the calendar year is \$0.04 per monthly bill. In support of its Petition, the Company states the following:

1. The Company is a member utility of Conservation Services Group, which provides ECS to the Company's residential customers on behalf of the Company.
2. The Company's proposed ECS program budget for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 is \$2,985.
3. The Company has complied with the requirements established in G.L. c 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; 220 C.M.R. § 7.00 et seq., and Mass. Save, Inc., D.P.U. 85-189 (1985).
4. In support of this Petition, the Company submits the calculations and invoices in support of its proposed surcharge. These exhibits are designated as Exh. NA-1 and Exh. NA-2, respectively, and are attached hereto.
5. The documentation that the Company has provided to reconcile undercollections and overcollections from prior fiscal years is complete and accurate (Exh. NA-1). Exhibit NA-1, page 1, shows a proposed total ECS budget of \$2,985. The cumulative reconciling adjustment for the prior period 1981 through 1999 reflects an undercollection of \$1,901. The estimated reconciliation adjustment for the year 2000 reflects an overcollection of \$3,090. Adjusting the 2001 budget amount by these under-and overcollections results in a net amount of \$1,796 to be collected over the twelve-month period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.
6. The Company calculated its ECS surcharge by dividing the net amount to be collected in 2001 by the total number of bills expected to be rendered during the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 (50,544 bills). The ECS surcharge to be applied to the Company's bills during the period January 1, 2001 through

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December 31, 2001 shall be \$0.04 per bill per month. This surcharge is \$0.13 less than the surcharge of \$0.17 per bill per month approved by the Department in North Attleboro Gas Company, D.T.E. 99-94-I. This decrease is primarily the result of reductions in forecasted costs charged by Conservation Services Group to the Company and the reconciliation of previous overcollections.

7. The proposed January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 ECS program budget, budget reconciliations and proposed surcharges are reasonable and recoverable from customers.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Department approve, after publication of notice, and as required by applicable law and regulations, the Company's proposed ECS surcharge for the months January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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